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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	<p>& WO 01/051628 A (MILLENIUM PREDICTIVE MEDICINE, INC.) 19 July 2001 (2001-07-19) claim 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p>DATABASE EMBL 'Online! 20 September 2002 (2002-09-20), EDWARDS JBDM ET AL: "EST and encoded human protein" XP002266456 retrieved from EBI Database accession no. BD110979 abstract & JP 2002 010789 A (GENSET CORP.) 15 January 2002 (2002-01-15)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	8

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 2, 12-14, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29 and 30 (all partially)
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:
3-6, 11-18 and 20-32 (partially); 1, 7-10, 19 and 33 (completely)

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

Continuation of Box I.1

Although claims 11 and 12 are directed to a diagnostic method practised on the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Although claims 24-30 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 2, 12-14, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29 and 30 (all partially), 23 and 27 (completely);

Present claims 2, 12-14, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29 and 30 relate to a compound defined by reference to a desirable characteristic or property, namely to a protein having a biological activity equivalent to a protein consisting of SEQ ID No. 2. However, a protein has various biological activities, e.g. a cell-proliferating activity, an immunogenic activity, a binding activity, etc.

The claims cover all compounds having such a biological activity equivalent, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). An attempt is made to define the compound by reference to a result to be achieved. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible. Consequently, for the purpose of an incomplete search of claims 2, 12-14, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29 and 30, the term "biological activity" has been interpreted as cell-proliferating activity according to the description, page 17, lines 28-34.

Present claims 23 and 27 relate to compounds only defined by the method for their selection. Support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT is to be found, however, for none of such compounds. Neither an example of such a compound nor information regarding the nature of such a compound is mentioned in the description. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search of claims 23 and 27 is impossible.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 3-6, 11-18 and 20-32 (partially); 1, 7-10, 19 and 33 (completely)

a polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No. 4 or 6, respectively, as well as subject-matter related thereto;

2. claims: 3-6, 11-18 and 20-32 (partially); 2 (completely)

a polypeptide consisting of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID No. 2 as well as subject-matter related thereto;

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